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Quest. 1. *THough I am at a great distance from you, Gentlemen, yet I am so happy as to see your Mercuries some times, by reading of which I find you're willing to help every one as much as you can; and therefore I am encouraged amongst the rest to put up my request, in answering of which you may oblige not only my self but a great Number of your friends who have often desir'd me to try what success it might have. It is as follows, some short account of what you look upon to be the cause and cure of these several distempers, the head ach, Melancholy, Vertigo, Apoplexy, Palsy, Convulsions, Rheums, and Catarrhs, Coughs, Pleurisy, Tissick, Colick, and Scurvy. We live in a place remote from any satisfactory help in these cases, and therefore 'twill be Charity to give the least assistance, to me whose business it is to do what service I can this way.*

Answ. We pretend to no more infallibility in this matter than in any other, and shall only give you in brief the opinion of some *Physicians* upon these distempers. *Van-Helmont*, and Mr. *Dolæus* say, a good meal is a better remedy for the head-ach, than all the drugs in an Apothecarie's shop, and that the Juice and Powder of *Cloportes* is also good against these pains. Some place the seat of Melancholy in the Convex part of the brain, the spirits being altered by a vicious sharpness, that the defects of the first digestion communicates to them: And the Animal spirits being infected with this sharpness, cause the bowels to lose their Natural Ferment, and by that means produce a strange Leaven there. For which bleeding in the Lower parts is recommended, fixed *Alkali*, *Elixir* of *Paracelsus*, tincture of *Mars*, Iron mineral waters, the blood of an Ass, and corrected *Laudanum*. The fumes of melancholy persons easily take fire, and then the distemper degenerates into madness; in which there are many surprizing things, since such persons when at the heighth of *Frenzy* cannot sleep, and yet they have prodigious strength, they fear neither Cold, blows, wounds, nor hunger at that time. *Van-Helmont* tells us he has cured some of this sort by keeping them some time dipt over head and ears in the water, as well as such whose distemper has proceeded from the bite of a mad dog. Besides the common remedies he advises, to such as are drawn from steel, the blood of Asses, the Juice of young swallows, because these destroy the sowreness that is in the veins. For the curing of the *Vertigo* the Juice of *Chervil* is commended, the livers of frogs dry'd in the sun, powder'd, and taken in the quantity of a dram, as also worms dryed in the oven and powder'd. The Apoplexy is said to be caused by an acidity in the Blood, which so Coagolates it, that the spirits and blood which ascend to the brain, have no longer their free course, and the motion of the animal spirits which are dispersed through the whole body is likewise stopt. Experience confirms this, for the blood has always been observed to be Coagulated in the veins of those who have dyed of this distemper. For which bleeding, Emetics, and volatil salts are prescribed. The Palsy happens according to some, through the interception of the spirits, and of that vivifying light which the *Nerves* conduct and disperse into all the parts of the body; and this sowreness which injures the spirits must be sweetned before it be thrown out; to this end *Van-Helmont* and some others recommend the use of *Diaphoretics*, which dissipating the superfluous serosity, and water that is coagulated, at the same time open the *Nerves*; *Sulpherous* baths are likewise approved. Convulsions are caused, through sharp Juices mixing with the blood or *Serum*, which being communicated to the *Nerves* by means of the circulation of the blood, prick them and so make them contract; to cure which the acrimony of of these Juices, must first be sweetned by spirituous *remedies and volatile* salts before they are purged off. In this case sleeping is thought good, to calm the irritation of nature, and *Opium* by some approved most diaphoretick: For children who are troubled with this distemper, experience has shown that worms powdered and taken is a very good remedy. *Van-Helmont* and some others tell us that *Catarrhs* and *Rheums* proceed not only from the head, as is commonly supposed, but from all other parts of the body; because the watry vessels, which conduct the *Serum*, are distributed through the whole body; and the glands which *prepare* them are dispersed into many of its *members*: So that *Rheums* happen when the *Lymphatick* vessels, empty their *serosity* and water upon any part. Cold *hindring* the *transpiration* and *evaporation* of the water, is upon that account the most *frequent* cause of *Catarrhs*. To cure which the *sowre humour* must first be sweeten'd, and then *transpired* by the means of *Diaphoreticks*, and *afterwards* wholly throwd out by *purging*. Coughs are said to proceed from the defect of the water which is *discharged* from the glands, and *Salivarious* and Lymphatick vessels upon the *throat*, and chiefly the wind-pipe; the *water* and *serosity*, being *thrown* out, by that means *acquire* a *sharpness* which pricks and vexes the *Nervous* parts, and so excites Coughing: *Wherefore* those *remedies* have been chiefly *prescribed*, as incline to sleep, and *corrected Laudanum*, which thickening subtil *Catarrhs* temper their *acrimony*, and qualify the Cough; *experience* also tells us that half a *dram* of *brimstone* with a *scruple* of *Benjamin* taken *morning* and *evening* in the yolk of an egg is a good remedy; for this some have commended the eating of boyled *Garlick* and *Onyons*. The *pleurisy* is chiefly caused by some *sharp humour* which mixing with the blood or its *serum*, violently moves and *constrains* the blood or it's *serum* to go out of the veins, thus they being *thrown* out of their course, disperse through the membrane which covers the sides, and sometimes also into the lungs, which blood or *serum corrupting* causes coagulations and inflammations in those parts; this has been discover'd by the opening of such as have dyed of the *distemper*. To remedy which this *sharpness* must be thrown out which is in the *Veins*, and the Blood again dissolved. In *Pleurisies* which are not malignant, all sorts of fixt and volatile *Alkalie*'s are prescrib'd. To cure the *Phthisick*, the *Acrimony*, and *corrosive Acidness* of the Blood, which *ulcerates* the Lungs, must be *corrected*, which is done by *Diaphoretic Antimony*, *Bezoar mineral*, the gentle *Mercury* of *Van Helmont*, and divers Balsamick Remedies. We have an account of some who have been cured through sympathy, by spitting in a Napkin and tying it up to dry in the smoak of a Chimny; the relaters do not impose this upon any ones faith, but leave every one who pleases to be convinced by experience, as they say they have been. In respect to the *Colick*, *Garlick* boyled in Milk is said to be a *powerful remedy* against this passion of the intestines, and

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now and then to take a dram of *Sperma Ceti*. Some ſay the ſcurvy is contagious, and that there is not a greater Number of ſalts and Sulphers in the *Laboratory* of a Chymiſt, then there is in the blood of thoſe who are infected with it: For this is preſcribed the Juice of water Creſſes, and other *antiſcorbutick* plants, becauſe they have their volatil ſalt in their Juice. And ſteel to ſuch whoſe *humours* are leſs *ſharp*, as well as *Diaphoretick Antimony*, and many other volatil and fixt *Alkalicks*.

Advertiſement.

The unparallel'd Adventure, or one benefit in 7 Numbers certain, for 21000*l*. Ready mony, wherein the Undertakers oblige themſelves that any one who takes out 7 Numbers ſucceſſively from 1 to 7, and from 7 to 14, and ſo on to 21, 28, 35, &c. without the Intermiſſion of any odd Number between, ſhall for every 7 Tickets ſo taken receive a Benefit, and for any Number of Tickets under 7 he ſhall have his Chance of only 6 Blanks to a prize. There will be delivered out 21000 Tickets at 20 *ſhill. per* Ticket, which amounts to 21000 *ll.* and will be divided into 3000 Benefit Tickets, as follows, *viz.*

1	at	1000	1000 *ll.*
1	at	500	500
3	at	300	900
5	at	100	500
6	at	50	300
9	at	40	360
12	at	30	360
40	at	20	800
222	at	10	2220
555	at	6	3330
2146	at	5	10730
3000 Benefits.			21000 *ll.*

Note, That there is an Exact Table printed how to chooſe the Succeſſive Numbers, which are to be ſeen at the ſeveral Receivers.

This being an Adventure of ſo great certainty, and of fewer Blanks then any hitherto, it is not in the leaſt doubted but it will be quickly full. It is deſign'd to be drawn on the 14*th.* of *March*, either full or in *proportion*: And to prevent miſtakes or ſcruples not only the numbr'd Tickets are printed, but the Regiſter of Blanks and Prizes ſhall be printed and publiſhed every day *during* the time of *drawing*. There will be but 10 *l. per Cent* rebated out of the Benefits *for trouble* and *charges*.

And for the ſatisfaction of all the *Adventurers*, theſe *Perſons hereafter* mentioned have taken upon them the truſt of ſeeing this *Adventure fairly performed* according to the ſaid Propoſals, *Tho. Lloyd*, Eſquire. Mr. *Elias Turner*, Mr. *John Feſter*, Mr. *Samuel Weſtal*, Merchants. *Mr. Tho. Chambers*'s Gent. And every one that puts in 20 *ll.* ſhall have a ſealed Ticket delivered him from the *Undertakers*, to ſit with the *Truſtees during* the time of drawing and mixing the *Numbers*, and ſhall be reſpected according to his Quality.

The manner of Drawing ſhall be as follows, *viz.*

I. There ſhall be a fair Regiſter writ, beginning at Number 1. and proceed gradually to 21000.

II. There ſhall be three boxes, one to put the blanks in, and another for the Prizes, and the third to draw the benefits and blanks from.

III. The benefits being Rowled up and Sewed, ſhall be put into the box, and ſhaken to the ſatisfaction of the *Truſtees*, or of ſuch *Adventurers* as ſhall be *there preſent*: And then *proceed* to drawing in *manner* following, *Viz.*

1. Any one of the *Truſtees* as ſhall be appointed, ſhall take one of the Prizes out of the box and put to ſix blanks in the empty box which ſhall be ſhaked and mixed.

Then a boy ſhall draw out one of the ſeven, and deliver to a *Truſtee* appointed, who ſhall keep it, unopen'd till ſuch time as the Cryer ſhall proclaim the Number; then he ſhall deliver it to the *Cryer*, who ſhall proclaim whether it be a blank or Prize; and ſo proceed till that Prize come up, which ſhall not only be entered in the General Regiſter, but likewiſe in Particular, which ſhall be printed and publiſhed. If the Prize come up to any number under ſeven, all the other numbers to 7 *inclusive* ſhall be blank, and another Prize put to ſix blanks to anſwer the next 7 numbers in the Regiſter, and ſo proceed till the whole number of 21000 be finiſhed. It is deſign'd to be drawn in the City. Before the time of drawing, notice will be given.

Tickets and Propoſals may be had at Sir *John Sweetaple*'s Knt. and Mr. *Benjamin Hodgkins* at the *Blackamores-head*, Mr. *Williams* at the *Crown*, Mr. *Shepherd* at the *Angel*, Mr. *Layfield* at the *White-horſe*, Mr. *Tho. White* at the *Blew-Anchor*, *Lumbard-ſtreet*; Mr. *Harriſon* at the *Iſen* and *Chickens*, Mr. *Ragdall* at the *Kings-head*, Mr. *Bullock* at the *Horſe-ſhoe*, Mr. *Knott* at the 3 *Golden Cocks* in *Cheap-ſide*, Mr. *Clement* in *New-gate-ſtreet*, *Mr. de Cayne* without *Biſhops-gate*, *Mr. Minſhal* at the *Golden Faulcon*, Mr. *Cole* over-againſt St. *Dunſtans Church Fleet-ſtreet*, Capt. *Pitts* next the *Croſs-Keys Tavern*, Mr. *Folen* at the 3 *Flower-de-luces*, *Fetter-lane-end*, *Holbourn*, Mr. *Hamerſley* at the *Mary Gold* over-againſt *Catherine-ſtreet*, Mr. *Roberts* at the *Green-Dragon*, Mr. *Bowman* at the *Flower-de-Luce*, near the *New-Exchange* in the *Strand*, Mr. *Hooton* at the *Golden-Boy* near *Charing-Croſs*, Mr. *Richard Adams* at the *Black Horſe* in the *Strand* near *Charing-croſs*, Mr. *Wharton* at the *Blacamoors-head* over againſt the *Rummer Tavern* near *White-hall*, Mr. *Wilcock* at the *Dial* in the *Minories*, Mr. *Coleman* over-againſt the *King's Brew-houſe* near the *Hermitage*, Capt. *Jenkins* in *Eſſex-ſtreet* near S. *Clement's Church*, all the above named are Goldſmiths. Mr. *Lloyd* in *Lumbard-ſtreet*, Mr. *Sanders* in *Kings-ſtreet* near *Guild-Hall*. Mr. *Houlcomb* at the *Bear* in *Holborn* near *Bloomsbury*, Mr. *Jonathan Milner* in *Popes-Head Alley* near the *Royal Exchange*, Mr. *James Brindley* at the Corner of *Fetter-lane*, *Fleet-ſtreet*, Mr. *Renault*, alias *Pontac*, in *Ab Church-lane*, Mr. *Henry Banes* Merchant in the City of *York*, Mr. *Maſhbourn* Mercer in *Oxford*. *All which Perſons ſtand engaged to be accountable for the ſeveral ſums they receive, and to ſee the Tickets fairly put into the Boxes, ſealed up with their ſeveral ſeals, and drawn.*

SUch Perſons as are willing to Buy or Sell Blank or benefit Tickets in the *Million Lottery*, may have ready mony for either, or be furniſhed with either, at the *Mercury Office*, at the *Trinity-Houſe* in *Finch-Lane*, *London*, every day, from 1 a Clock to 4 in the Afternoon: Attendance being given thoſe 3 hours only.

*** IN *Grays-Inn-Lane* in *Plow-yard*, the third door, lives Dr. *Thomas Kirleus*, a Collegiate Phyſician, and Sworn Phyſician in Ordinary to King *Charles* the Second, until his death; who with a Drink and Pill (hindring no Buſineſs) undertakes to cure any Ulcers, Sores, Swellings in the Noſe, Face, or other parts; Scabs, Itch, Scurfs, Leproſies, and Venereal Diſeaſe, expecting nothing until the Cure be finiſhed: Of the laſt he hath cured many hundreds in this City, many of them after fluxing, which carries the evil from the Lower Parts to the Head, and ſo deſtroys many. The Drink is 3 *s.* the Quart, the Pill 1 *s.* a box, with Directions; a better Purger than which was never given, for they cleanſe the body of all Impurities, which are the cauſes of Dropſies, Gouts, Scurvies, Stone or Gravel, Pains in the Head, and other parts. Take heed whom you truſt in Phyſick, for it's become a *common Cheat* to profeſs it. He gives his opinion to all that write or come, for nothing.

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